

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 18, 2018 through September 23, 2018.

**Tuesday**

09/18/2018

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward James Dreyer will monitor entries and will author the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$16,000 claim, was off with one, 1, Cal-Bred.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Fifty three horses passed the entry box making up two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

**Wednesday**

09/19/2018

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One equipment change completed Friday's program adjustments.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book, maiden three year olds for an \$8,000 tag, was called off with one Cal-Bred.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Three Thoroughbred, five Quarter Horse, and one Arabian race will comprise Saturday's card.

**Thursday**

09/20/18

(1) **SCRATCHES**

The only change on Saturday's program was one rider switch.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$2,500 claim, failed to attract an entry.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Sunday's feature will be the \$125,000 Mildred N. Vessels Memorial Handicap.

**Friday**

09/21/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in one equipment change and the declaration of the also eligibles.

(2) RULING #222

**RULING # 222**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY JOHNATHAN ROMAN HAVING PARTICIPATED IN MORE THAN ONE DESIGNATED RACE WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION, SHALL SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY (SEPTEMBER 30, 2018) IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #204, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Roman rode three PCQHRA Breeders Futurity Trials on Sunday September 16, 2018.

(3) RIDERS MEET WITH STEWARDS

The Stewards had a very productive meeting with the riders this afternoon. Representing the Jockeys was Guild Director Darrel Haire. The discussion centered on the rider's lack of effort to maintain a straight course. The riders felt that a better effort could have been made on their part but the Stewards should be doing more to police the situation. Both sides agreed that moving forward more could be done by everyone to alleviate the situation. We all came away feeling progress had been made and in the future the racing at Los Alamitos would be cleaner and safer.

(4) COMPLAINT #18LA0190

An informal hearing was convened today to address the above complaint. Mr. Enriquez accepted blame for the overage stating he was a bit late giving the horse the bute. With Trainer Enriquez's record and the low reading on the bute, a warning was issued.

(5) RULINGS #223, #224, #225

**RULING # 223**

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2018.

**RULING # 224**

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.

**RULING # 225**

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.

The above rulings were issued after the above riders were observed violating Rule #1688 (b)(6) in varying degrees.

(6) RULING #226

**RULING # 226**

JOCKEY CODY JENSEN IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT

COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR NOT APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, AS INSTRUCTED.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Jensen failed to appear as instructed for the flims.

(7) RULING #227

**RULING #227**

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA, WHO RODE "IM LIVING YOU LARRY" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018, IS SUSPENDED FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>, AS WELL AS OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE, WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO SEVENTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES). THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Erasmo Gasca was disqualified in Sunday's fourth race. Mr. Gasca had no defense as his mount was already drifting out when he reached and struck the gelding left handed causing the gelding to duck out even more sharply knocking #9 Ms KO off stride.

(8) INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the sixth race to review the break. #4 "Lotta Dash" (5<sup>th</sup>- J. Nicasio) drifted out at the start, #5 "Special of Course" (3<sup>rd</sup>- C. Mendez) was bumped by . #6 "Card Trix" (7<sup>th</sup>- A. Viramontes) when he stumbled and fell in, #7 "Flyin Thru Fire" (2<sup>nd</sup>- J. Roman) broke in pushing "Card Trix" into "Special of Course" for a second time. After a thorough examination of the situation, the Stewards felt that all involved were equally responsible for the incident and no change was warranted.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 Behrly Tricky (Tr. C. Hurtado) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund \$3686.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Hot Blazin Chick (Tr. J. Flores) – Sick – Dr. Beck
	Refund \$439.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 Jess Fire Away (Tr. R. Guillen) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund \$233.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Sumokininthetheboysroom (Tr. J. Aleman) – Broke through the gate and ran off – Stewards Refund \$19,000.00

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	584	On Track Handle:	\$85,730.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,715</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$333,877.60
Total:	2,299	Out of State:	<u>\$753,349.16</u>
			\$1,172,956.86

**Saturday**  
09/22/2018

(1) RULING #228

**RULING # 228**

OWNER ALFREDO DEL TORO, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #328, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 9, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after Equine Sports Medicine notified us that Alfredo Del Toro's debt to them had been satisfied.

(2) RULING #229

**RULING # 229**

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE #LA41567, TAKEN

FROM THE HORSE "RAZZEL DAZZEL", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 17, 2018, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (210 pg/ml) (CLASS III), IT IS ORDERED THAT "RAZZEL DAZZEL" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$6,335.00) EARNED BY OWNER KOLLEEN LEDGERWOOD, TRAINER ROBERTO DOMINGUEZ, AND JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY OCTOBER 22, 2018, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD:

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – NEW GIRL  
2nd –SHEZA DASHING PYC  
3rd – SASSY ON FIRE  
4th – POTTAWATTAMIE  
5th – REGINAS ROYAL CHOICE  
6th – TAZS TINY PEBBLE  
7th – MYSTERY EAGLE

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

An informal hearing was conducted this afternoon to address complaint #18LA0193, the disqualification of "Razzle Dazzle" from the seventh race on August 17, 2018 for a Clenbuterol positive. Trainer Roberto Dominguez was notified of the proceedings but chose not to be present.

(3) RULING #230

**RULING #230**

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA, WHO RODE "CHRYSTEL" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE SEPTEMBER 21, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>, AND OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES). THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

Jockey Alberto Zepeda was in to review Friday's fifth race. After reviewing the race and in a majority decision, the vote was a three day suspension. Steward Dreyer agreed a better effort could have been made by Zepeda but fell short of a suspension.

(4) FILMS

Jonathan Roman reviewed last evenings sixth race with the Stewards this afternoon. Although his mount ducked in shortly after the break, we all felt he had made a commendable effort to rectify the situation. No action was warranted by us.

(5) FILMS

Cody Jenson was by to review Friday's eighth race. His mount was getting out throughout the race and it was very apparent Cody was making a valiant effort to keep the filly on a straight course.

(6) FILMS

Cruz Mendez was in to address two situations. The first incident was September 7<sup>th</sup> in the sixth race. We had received a complaint about his effort in the race. Cruz explained that the horse broke slowly, which he did, he then locked up on the bit and was trying to get out the remainder of the race. He told the trainer he does not want to ride the horse back. The second incident occurred last evening. After reviewing yesterday's sixth race with Cruz, the Stewards felt he was more the victim than the perpetrator and no action was required by us.

(7) RULING #231 Refer (9/21/18-#8)

**RULING #231**

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO, WHO RODE "A LOTTA DASH" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE SEPTEMBER 21, 2018, IS SUSPENDED TWO (2) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES). THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards could detect no effort by Jockey Nicasio until contact had been made which was several strides after his mount had begun drifting out.

(8) OBJECTION-NO CHANGE

Following the first race, Jockey Chris Russell claimed an objection against #7 "Irish and Lucky" (1<sup>st</sup>-J. Sanchez) leaving the gate. "Irish and Lucky" did break in, but Russell's mount "Sallyana" (2<sup>nd</sup>) broke slowly and out contributing to the situation. The Stewards did not feel the incident cost "Sallyana" a better placing.

(9) CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of "Ajac" by trainer Jerry Wallace II was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the vets list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Angela Aquino.

(10) INQUIRY-DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the sixth race to review the start. #7 "Vincitore" (6<sup>th</sup>-R. Arvizo) broke in sharply eliminating #6 "Dashing JB" (7<sup>th</sup>-S. Ramirez Jr.) and #5 "Mama Said First" (8<sup>th</sup>-G. Vera). At the same time #4 "Do Me A Favor" (5<sup>th</sup>-A. Zepeda) broke out and impeded the same two horses. After examining the film, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify both horses.

Original Order 8-2-3-1-~~4~~-7-6-5

Official Order 8-2-3-1-6-5-~~4~~-7

(11) LATE DECLARATIONS

1 <sup>ST</sup> Race	#1 Kimilche Gold (Tr. K. Castaneda) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund \$288.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Fast Lane Larry (Tr. J. Enriquez) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund \$184.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 Nevour Say Never (Tr. T. Eaton) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund \$14,552.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Xeriscape (Tr. M. Robbins) - Flipped In Gate - Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund \$13,265.00

(12) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	755	On Track Handle:	\$110,942.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,748</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$361,334.10
Total:	2,503	Out of State:	<u>\$678,330.70</u>
			\$1,150,607.50

**Sunday**

09/23/2018

(1) RULING #232

**RULING # 232**

JOCKEY FRANCISCO MONROY IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Monroy was in and accepted responsibility for failing to fulfill his riding engagement last evening. He said he rode at Golden Gate Fields and was unable to get here.

(2) INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the third race to review the break. #5 "Ultimate Game" (7<sup>th</sup>-E. Payeras) whipped his head simultaneously with starter Gary Brinson dispatching the field. The entire incident was caused by his unruliness prompting the Stewards to declare him a starter.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Whatyouciswhatuget (Tr. J. Wallace II) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$257.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 True Grit SQ (Tr. H. Shelly) – Stake – Stewards  
Refund \$533.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Royal Patriot (Tr. B. Hoburg) – Sick – Dr. Beck  
Refund \$425.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	549	On Track Handle:	\$90,431.60
Off Track Attendance:	1,721	Off Track Handle:	\$327,467.70
Total:	2,270	Out of State:	\$699,640.51
			\$1,117,539.81

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 23, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 5 for injury, 2 for sickness and 1 for medication. Six horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY 2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 09/21	SAT 09/22	SUN 09/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	14
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		1	5	4	10	258
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	2	0	2	44
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	0	3	73
REFUNDS		A			4	4	3	11	321
RULINGS			Y		6	4	1	11	232
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	42

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards David Nuesch, James Dreyer, Grant Baker, and Safety Steward Ron Church were in attendance during this reporting period.

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Grant Baker (Steward)

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Ron Church (Safety Steward)